

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1142 without my signature.

While I support the author's goal of identifying innovative ideas and approaches to end-of-life and palliative care, I cannot support this bill as it would increase costs at a time of continuing budget challenges. In addition, the activities mandated by this bill can be accomplished administratively. For this reason, I am directing the Health and Human Services Agency to convene stakeholders to identify barriers and strategies to improve end-of-life and palliative care in our state.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger